to tribals their land that had been encroached upon or acquired fraudulently by non-tribals across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh stringent steps taken by Government to protect tribal land and to ensure that it could not be transferred to a non-tribal in the Scheduled Areas?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) "Land" being a State subject, most of the State Governments have enacted laws for prevention of alienation of tribal land. Moreover, the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 4601-4602/96 had upheld restrictions on the transfer of tribal land. Relevant extracts of the judgment have been circulated to the States for compliance.

Tribals killed in police firing in Wayanad

1982. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribals were killed and many injured in the firing by police on 19th February, 2003 at Wayanad Wild Life Sanctuary, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the competent authority failed to Keep its promise to provide land to all landless tribals before 31st December, 2002;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a judicial inquiry will be initiated on police firing and all the aspects related to it; and

(f) whether the National Commission for SCs and STs will initiate an inquiry on policy firing and all the happenings that has affected the tribals at Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad District?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One tribal was killed and four other tribals were injured in the police firing on 19.02.2003 during an operation launched by the District authorities, Wayanad, for eviction of a large number of activists

from the Adivasis Gothra Sabha and Adivasi Kshema Samithy, who had encroached into the Anmboothi and Thakarappadi areas of the Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad District.

(c) and (d) According to the information available with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the genesis of the encroachment of land by the tribal within the Wildlife Sancturay in Wayanad district was an agreement arrived at between the State Government and Adivasi Dalit Samara Samithi leaders on 16.10.2001. After an initial assignment of land in Idduki and a few other places, the State Government reportedly found it difficult to allot land to tribals, as either suitable land was not available or because the land identified for assignment was mostly vested forest land.

(e) and (f) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have already taken cognizance of the issue and submitted a report, wherein the Commission has given several recommendations for consideration by the State Government, including the ordering of a magisterial inquiry about the necessity to open fire against the tribals.

Regularisation of illegal colonies

1983. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 1,600 odd unauthorized colonies are straining the city's infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to regualrize the illegal colonies;

(c) whether the former Urban Development Minister had given any affidavit in court that there must be plans to private services before regularizing these plans; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Government of NCT of Delhi has